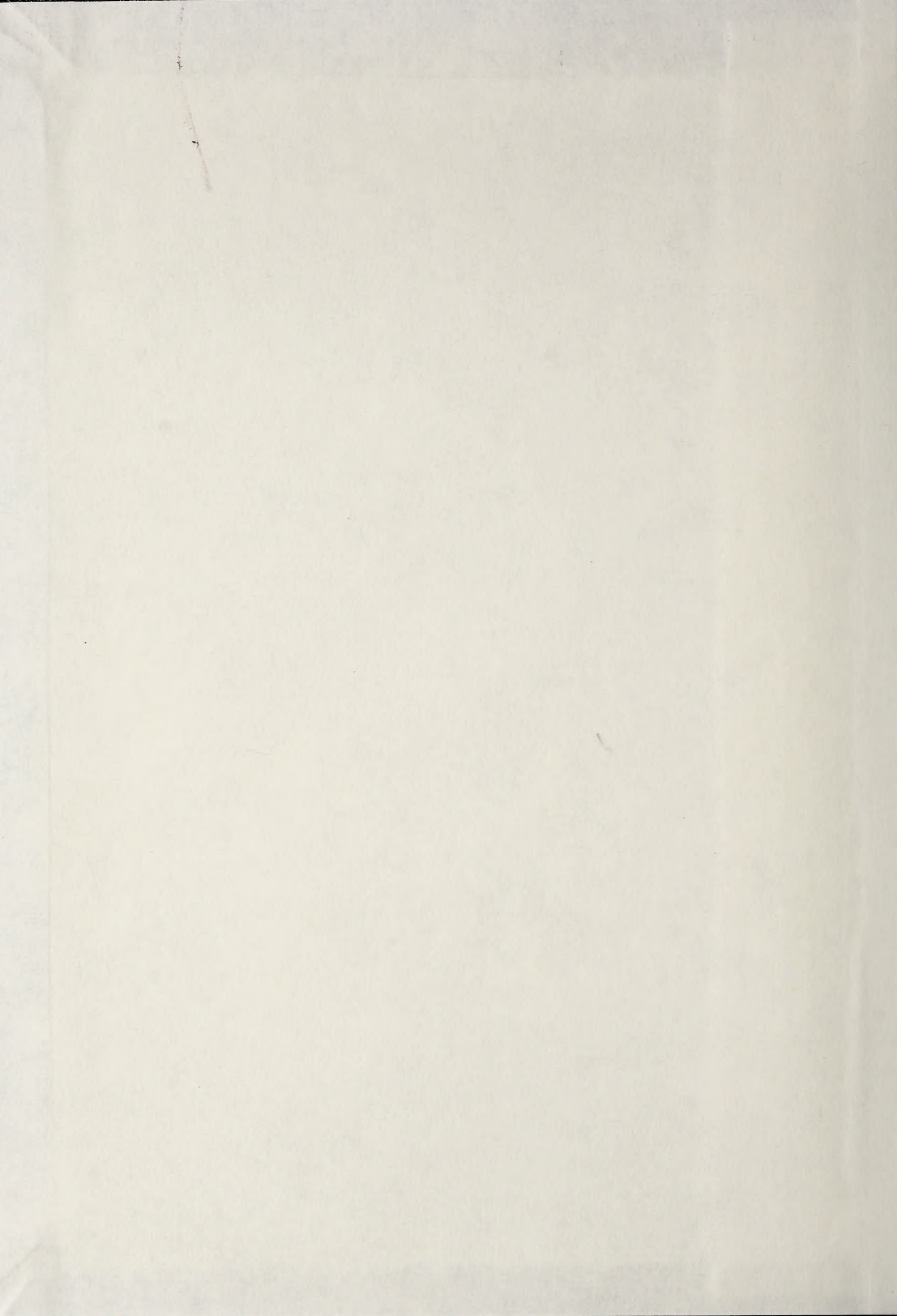


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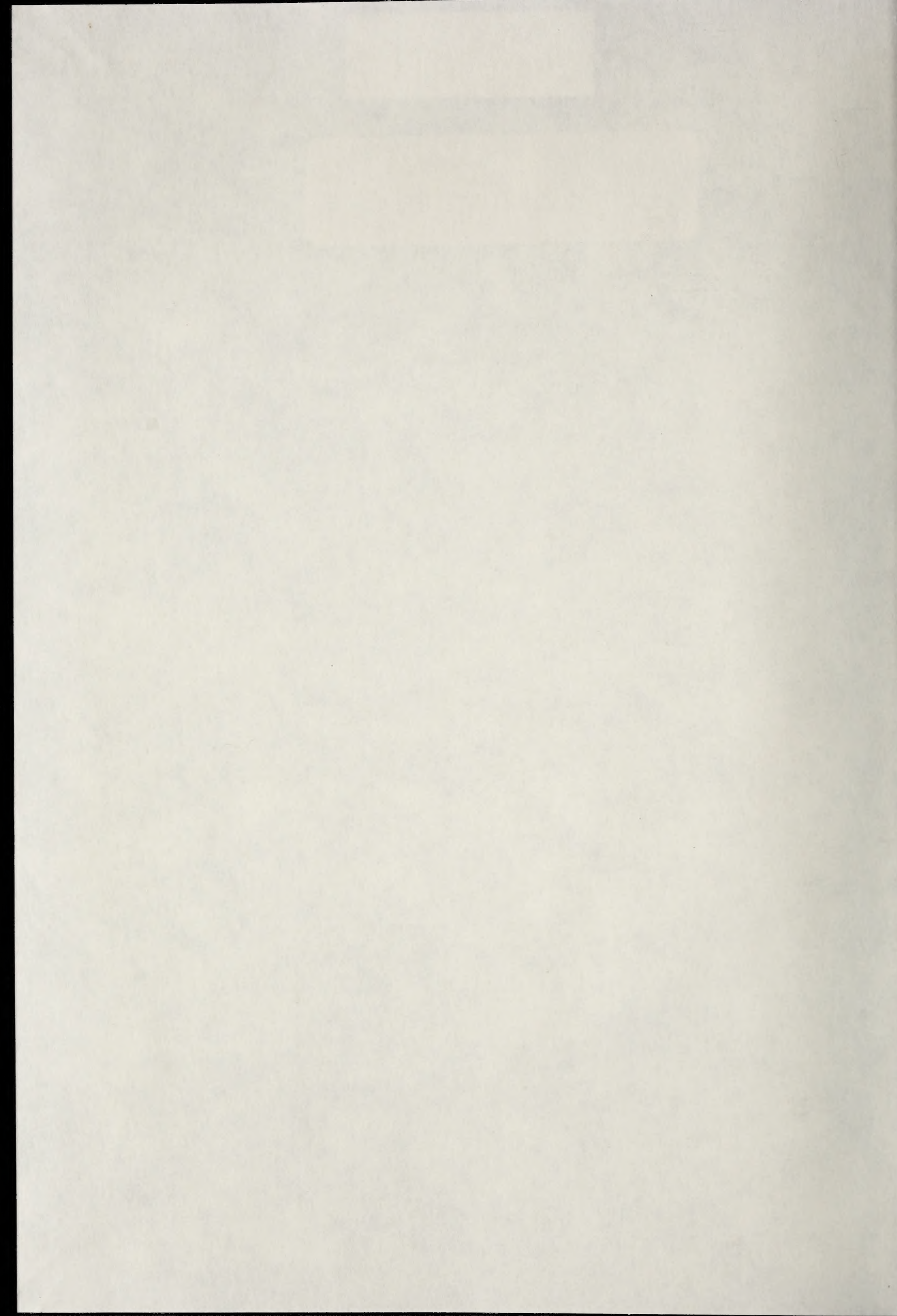
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beyond and nothing is known of the remaining members of the family.

The other son is Wm. Roy and the daughter is Minnie May. She is married to Chas. Hovey. Her children are as follows—

Chas. Jasper Augustus, dead.

Leona Ethel, married Gleason Pilcher. Two children have been born to them—Byron and Lois.

Verne Theo married Grace ————— and Roy and Aloha came.

Cecil Bonnie Madaline, twice married, first husband was—Thebedean. One girl, Oril, came. Second husband was Theodore D. Wolf. Doris May came to them.

Alvina, married and has one child.

Raphael is youngest child.

Will Beam, married. Six children came to them.

Merle, who married T. R. Wilcox, and they had two children, William and Donna.

Madge, was next and she married George Harlin and they have one daughter, Kathryn.

Hurley, married True George.

Don married Ruth Bott.

Gladys is next.

Paul is the youngest and married Mary Wert.

Mary Helen married Charles Kepler. Four daughters and one son were born to them—Elta, Lela, Eva, Lou and Charles Jr.

He enlisted as a nurse in the great World war and did his bit relieving the suffering of the wounded.

Elta married Guy Brown to whom were born George, Beula, Walter and Guy Francis.

George married Maurine Wieland and they have one son, George, Jr.

Walter married Louise Bollinger. A daughter, Margaret, and a son, Walter, Jr., bless this union.

Lela, second daughter of Mary was three times mar-



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ried. To the first marriage came Katherine. She in turn married Abe Triestram and Lulu was born to them.

Eva married Harry Burton and two daughters came to this home, Mary and Lucille.

Mary married George Roose and Lucile married Glenn Reynolds. They have one little daughter, Beverly Lou.

Lou I. Kepler married William Guilt and they have one adopted daughter, Alice May.

May, youngest daughter of Jacob Beam married Lewis Loros. Ethel and Bessie (Elizabeth) came to them. Bessie married Albert Lutz. Two children were born to them—Donald and Leola.



Thomas Beam son of John Beam probably was born between the years of 1812 and 1818. The exact date of his birth is not known. He took for his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Jones Thrall. Six children were born to them. Charles Eugene, Victor Edmund, who died in infancy, Katie, Thomas Jr., Lillie and John Harry Edward.

Charles married Josie Sparks and nine children came to them—Joe and Ray, twins, and Glenn and Duff, both dead, and the girls are Edith (Beam) Burkett, Lillie (Beam) McIntire,\* Eunice (Beam) Lovely, Lora (Beam) O'Conner and Estel Beam.

Joe and Ray, the twins each married and Joe has five boys and one girl, and Ray has five girls and one boy.

Thomas Jr. and John Harry never married. Katie married Luther Erwin and seven children came to them, two having died. There was Ethel, Mable Ruth, Lillian, Clarence Beam Erwin and Robert Vern, living.

\*Lillie has four children—namely, Helen, Lester, Mildred and Josephine.







Ethel married Wm. Gilmore and was blessed with one son and four daughters. One daughter married Glenn Willetts. They have two little girls. Mable Ruth married L. H. Tatman and they have eight children living and one dead. Dorrance, the oldest son married Marie Albertson.

Lillian, the third daughter of Katie became the wife of Charles Baker. They have two boys and a girl. Clarence Beam Erwin married Elinor Martin. One son has departed this life and they have five living sons and three daughters.

Robert Vern Erwin married Mrs. Mary Margosky. Two sons came to bless this union.

One son, Robert, was in the World war, a member of 331st Regiment, Ill. He was wounded and later returned to the front with the army of occupation.

Lillie Beam, youngest daughter of Thomas, married Charles J. McManus.

The history of Thomas Beam is not nearly completed up to date.



Catherine Beam, oldest daughter of John Beam, was born probably between 1812-1818. She married Oliver Gordon. Her mother died when Catherine was about twelve and she being the oldest daughter she mothered the family. At about this age the father, with his family, started overland by ox-team, and after a four week's journey they came to the Sandusky plains and settled near McCutcheonville, where the father being a miller by occupation, started the first mill in this section of the country, which was operated by water power. It was not long before the farmers from Tiffin and other far away points were bringing their grain to







be ground. It often took them a whole day to come and another to return as the roads were all corduroy and hard to travel. The boys of the family all took up milling and later went to Michigan and established mills at different points in the state. It was in the early 40's that the stage coach was started through this part of the country. The driver of one stage coach persisted in driving through the Beam yard; he was repeatedly ordered to discontinue this route but claimed the right, as he carried mail for Uncle Sam. He being a fine specimen of the early days and a frontiersman, and no other than Oliver P. Gordon, won his case by courting Catherine and she became his bride.

The family numbered seven and they are as follows—

Amanda (Gordon) Rosebrook, dead.

Nelson V. Gordon (died in Andersonville Prison).

Elizabeth (Gordon) Mayarm, dead.

John Gordon, dead.

Joseph Gordon, dead.

Phoebe (Gordon) born dead.

Mary (Gordon) Rayl, dead.

The grandchildren are as follows—

C. F. Born, married and has seven children. Do not know the names of them nor who he married.

R. C. Born, married and has four children. No names known in this case.

Oscar Born.

O. P. G. Mayarm.

(Incomplete)



Edmund Beam, son of John Beam, was born 1818. Married for his first wife, Elizabeth Fellows and for his second wife, Percis Smith Duncan. When a young man he had a very close friend, William Duncan. He







was keeping company with Elizabeth Fellows and Edmund with Percis Smith. At a party one evening the young men changed lady loves and did not change back. In due time Edmund married Elizabeth and William married Percis.

Four sons were born to the first woman—Timothy, John, Sidney and Flavious, the latter died when quite a small child. Death claimed both Elizabeth and Duncan. Soon a courtship began between Edmund and Percis and resulted in marriage. A little girl, Ella, came to their home. He was twice married after the death of his second wife.

Timothy, born 1845, married Ella Schug and two daughters were born to them, Etna and Elta. The younger daughter died when quite a small child. Etna married Milton Lawton. Two girls, Miltina and Eva, and one son, George, were their children. The son was a member of the seventh division Co. 36 in the World war and was overseas eight months after the armistice was signed.

Miltina married James Weurding. They have four sons and one daughter—James, Jr., George Bruce, Elizabeth, Roger, and Lawton. Eva married Lynn McKee and they have two girls, Helen and Margaret. George married Maude Stafford. Two little girls, Mary and Cornelia and one little son, Milton have come to them. The Lord saw fit to take the little boy to live with him.

John Milton Beam, born in 1848, second son of Edmund, married Hannah Briggs. Eight children came to them. Otis and Earl died in boyhood and one little boy died in infancy. Living are Karl, Bertha, Roy, Don and Marion;

Karl, oldest living child married Susie King for his first wife and Alexina Mollison for his second wife. To the first woman was born three sons and one daughter—Merwin, Milton, Earl and Eunice. Milton married Mamie







Holloran. Earl, third son, married Olive Shatraund. They have four little ones. Jacqueline, Earl, Marilyn and Bruce Meywin. To the second woman has come Karlina and Billy.

Bertha married Irwin Welty. Elsie, Mabel, Allen, and Donna are the fruits of this union with little Margaret who came later. Elsie married Clarence Burger. They have two children, Norma and James. Mable married Lloyd Thompson. A little son, Robert, and a daughter, Jacqueline have come to them. Allen married Pauline Rhodes. One little one, Allen Irvin, made them happy for only a short time. Donna married Arthur Kline and Maurine came. Donna is now married to Edward Jasorka. A son, Larry Paul, came to them.

Roy, second son of John, married Jenny Terry and Georgia was the only child. She married Robert Breed and they have little Cherrie. Roy is now married to Lucy Campbell.

Don married Jessie Tabb and they have one son, Stuart.

Marion married Elgin Dougherty. Barbara Jean and Hubert bless this union.

Sidney Thomas Beam, born in 1849, third son of Edmund, married Luella Tinker. Four daughters and one son came to them—Jessie, Lutie, Otho, Inez and Eunice. Lutie died when a baby, Jessie married Jesse Barnes, Otho married Emma Mitchell and two sons came to them, Sidney and Robert Mitchell. Sidney married Mildred Bassett. They have two little daughters, Bonny Lou and Patretia Ann. Inez married Delbert W. Smith. Four children came to this home—Sidney and Bernard died in infancy. Living are William (Bill) and Betty. Eunice married Fred Potts. She had Anna Josephine and when she came the Lord took both mother and daughter to his home.

Ella Beam Pixley, born in 1858, daughter of Edmund and Percis Beam married John Pixley. Three sons and







two daughters were born to them—Guy, Earl, Glenn, Percis and Carmelita. Earl died when a baby and Glenn at the age of sixteen. Guy, a Spanish war veteran was wounded and saw much hard fighting in Cuba. He married Alice Try. A daughter, Gail, and a son, Foster, came to them. Gail married Charles K. Mathews and they have little Marylin Jean.

Percis married Oscar Johnson and Carmelita married Harry Sweet.



Mary Ann Beam, daughter of John Beam was born about 1820. Do not know the exact date. She married James Gibson and Joel, Delilah, Emma, Cornelius and Juliette came to them. Joel, born in 1842, married Lucinda Cordray. Virgil, born in 1868, and Robert, born in 1888, and four little ones, dying when babies, were born to them.

Virgil married Grace Walters and they have Joel.

Delilah Gibson, born in 1844, married Wm. Slye. One son died in infancy and Sally Elizabeth came in 1879.

Delilah married Thessius Maginness for her second husband.

Emma Gibson, born in 1846, married John Bowsher.

Cornelius Y. Gibson, born in 1848, married Alice Bowsher. Otis Edwin, born in 1874, Mary E., born in 1880, and Elsie, 1886, blessed this union. Mary married Harry Swart and two boys, Eugene, born in 1907, and John, born in 1910, and two girls, Mary Alice, born in 1912, and Margaret, born in 1913, came.

Juliette Gibson, born in 1850, youngest daughter of Mary Ann, married Jacob C. Miller. James, G. born in 1874. Virginia Frances, born in 1876, Bessie, born in







1879, Emma, born in 1882, and Iva, born in 1883, blessed this union.

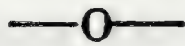
James G. married Lillian Able and Henry Jacob came.

Virginia Frances married Otho Pearl Halm. Ruth, born in 1902, and Otho, Jr., born in 1907, were born to them.

Ruth married Florin Enders and Mirian Janet, born in 1927, came. Otho, Jr., married Corinne Black and little Audrey Jean came in 1930.

Bessie, third child of Juliette Gibson married Samuel Mayginness.

Emma Gibson died June 29, 1930.



Margarette Beam Gibson, daughter of John Beam was born in 1822. Married Robert Gibson. Eleven children were born to them as follows—Arminta, Susan, Margaretta, Sarah, Asa, Clara, Robert, Mary E., Alice A., Mable G., and Minnie P.

Arminta, born 1844, dead. Married John Brigham and had four children—Robert, Mary, dead, Clara, Belle, dead; and Norah, who married Wm. Hinklin. They have two children, Neva and Ruth. Ruth is married and has one child.

Susan, born in 1847, dead.

Margaretta, born 1849, dead. Married John Plott and had seven children—Porter, Alice, Hurd, Myrtle, Grace, Beatrice and Elta.

Porter born 1868, dead.

Alice, born 1874. Married to Harmon Vogal. Had one child, Ralph.

Hurd, born 1877, has three children. Imo, Dewey and Mable.







Mable has three children—Myrtle, born 1879, married Cecil Wickiser and has two children. Cuma and Mildred.

Grace, born 1883, dead. Married to Squire Elder and had three children. Foster, Cartha and Vernon.

Beatrice, born 1885, dead.

Elta, born 1887, dead.

Sarah, born 1850, dead.

Asa, born 1853, dead.

Clara, born 1856, dead. Married Robert Reynolds. Had four children. Edward, dead, George, Robert and William.

Robert, born 1858, dead. Had ten children, Lelah, Ida, Bertha, Charlie, Dula, Robert Rollo, Agnes, Clyde Otts, Seth and Frank.

Lelah, born 1883. Married Mr. Hoy. Had six children—William, Chester, Idella, Richard, Lena and Thomas, Jr. William has two children. Chester has two children.

Ida, born 1885. Married Z. G. Murray. Had two children, Jasper and Helen. Jasper has one child, Doris Romain. Helen has one child, Connie Jean.

Bertha, born 1889. Married Mr. England. Had nine children—Florence, Opal, Alice, Nina, Margy, Blanche, Robert, John, and Marion.

Florence is married and has two children. Robert and Mary Lou.

Charlie, born 1891.

Dula, born 1894, married Mr. Horn. Has nine children, Esther, Luella, Floyd, Frank, Jr., Orville, Mildred, Charity, Delson and John.

Robert Rollo born 1895, has one child, Robert Walter.

Agnes born 1897, married Faye Reynolds. Has three children, Vincent, Evelyn and Don.

Clyde Otts, born 1901, dead.

Seth, born 1886. Has four children, Crystal, Herold, Gerald and Dorothy.







Frank, born 1888, has four children, Ralph, Mary, Maxine and Frank, Jr. Mary is married and has one child, Agnes Louise.

Mary E., born 1860, married Howard O. Ward. Has four children, Orin, Virgil, Earl and Ola.

Orin, born 1879, has four children, Ula, Loris, Ferrel and Vinton.

Ula married and has one child.

Ferrel married has one child.

Alice A., born 1862, dead. Married Mart Phillips. Had four children, Guy, dead, Charles, Gretta, dead, and Glenn.

Mable G., born 1866. Married Wm. Holloway. Had seven children—Clarence, Foster, Elsie, Noble, Howard, Ruth and Bert.

Foster, married, has two children.

Elsie, married, has three children.

Noble, married, has two children.

Minnie P., born 1872. Married Elis Watson. Has one child, Noble. Noble married and has one child, Berneda.



John Q. Beam, Jr., born about 1824 or 1825, married Hannah Wheeler to whom was born Marion. She was married to John Batson and John, Jr., and Lulu came. John died after having grown to manhood. Lulu married Arthur Rice. They had one daughter, Zelda, and she is married to a Mr. Ferguson.

(Incomplete)



Lydia, daughter of John Beam was born 1827. Married Nehemiah Harris. One son, Joseph and three daugh-







ters came to bless this union. The daughters were Mary, Clara and Ella. The latter died after having grown to womanhood. Joseph married Julia Striker Sloat. Jay, Don and Helen came to them. Jay is dead. Don unmarried and Helen married Grant Fraser. Their family consists of one daughter, Julian.

Mary married Martin Kellogg. Bert, Edith and Hurley were born to them. Hurley sacrificed his life for his country, having died in the Philippines.

Bert married Ruth Hussey to whom were born Orlo B. and twins, Ruth and Martin.

Edith married Ed Burns and Helen came. She then married Mr. Harrison and Martin came.

Clara, second daughter of Lydia, married Frank Miller. They had two daughters and one son, namely, Grace, Bertha and Earl. Grace married Glenn Shipman, Bertha died at the age of seventeen and Earl married May Diamond and they have Marjorie.



Obediah, the youngest son of John Beam was probably born between the years of 1827 and 1832. No definite date can be found. He married Ann Bassett, (by the way, she was a great aunt of Mildred Bassett Beam, young Sidney's wife.)

William, Effie and Hurley were born to Obediah and Ann. The latter died when a young boy. William married Katherine Wright and three girls and two boys came to them. The girls were Merle, Madge and Gladys, and the boys were Hurley and Don.

Effie married Wm. Williams and two sons were born to this union. Thornton, who also answered the call to arms in the struggle during the World war, and earned



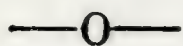




a halo of martyrdom such as comes to the brave soldier in time of battle.

Wright married Marie Berry and they have one son, Billy.

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Elizabeth, youngest daughter of John Beam was born in 1832. She was twice married. The first husband's name was Lemual Young. Two sons were born to them, George and John. The former died in infancy and the latter grew to manhood and then died.

Her second husband was Nelson Gordon. Three daughters and one son were born to this union—Nancy (Nin), Ella, Lulu Jean and George. Ella and George are both dead.

Nin Married Peter Ingram to whom was born Clare. He is turn married Bessie Wells.

Jean was twice married. The first husband was John Vecelius. Two girls, Mable and Frances came to them. She married Charles Carpenter for her second husband and Ira came.

Mable married Guy Sanderson. They have two daughters and one son. The girls are Clara Jean and Janet and the boy is Gordon.

Frances is married to Edward VanFleet.

When Elizabeth was a small child, she witnessed the burning of Colonel Crawford to the stake by the Indians. It is said that grass never grew on that spot thereafter.







P. S.—The history of the John Beam family is very incomplete at this date. However as other material can be gathered it will be added.

June, 1930.

Any corrections as to dates will be gladly accepted.

Etna Beam Lawton.



















